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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Research &amp; Engineering Division, TSG

SUBJECT : Ground Coverage Display Contracts

1. This memorandum is to relate the revised management and technical plans for the parallel contracts on the Ground Coverage Display with RCA and Hughes.

2. As a consequence of the RED reorganization, I am taking another look at the short range (and long range) R&D program for EOI and at the capabilities and assignments of the personnel in the Branch. This plan will be forthcoming shortly. However, one immediate problem is to establish a working plan for the two imminent contracts for the Ground Coverage Display with RCA and Hughes. Both [ ] STAT have been defining this work in more detail with both of the contractors and I believe we now have good technical and management plans.

3. To achieve a balance between technical capabilities of individuals and their workloads, I have designated a management plan which I think will achieve the optimum results from these very critical contracts. In Phase I of the contracts (requirements definition with Hughes), [ ] will be responsible for direction--with [ ] and [ ] assisting him when necessary. In Phase II, [ ] will be the project officer for the Hughes contract and [ ] for the RCA contract but with [ ] supervising the two parallel efforts to ensure that they remain "parallel" and do not diverge and result in unrelatable and uncomparable conclusions. STAT

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4. Due to the critical nature of the initial requirements definition phase, a technical plan for Phase I has also been evolved (Attachment). Although this Phase I plan still requires a "cleaning-up" of some details and a revised schedule (subject to contract approval date), I think that this approach will achieve optimum results.

5. If you have no objection to these plans, we will proceed accordingly (after project approval, of course).



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